

strengthening families through education, and moving them toward literacy and self-sufficiency; both essential steps in breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty. She continues to have a lasting impact in helping to shape welfare reform, education reform and develop the skilled workforce of our nation.

The National Humanities Medal will not be the first time Ms. Darling has received recognition for her efforts. In 2000, she received the Razor Walker Award from the University of North Carolina for her contributions to lives of children and youth. She also has been honored with the Women of Distinction Award from Birmingham Southern University in 1999; the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism from Johns Hopkins University in 1998; the Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievement in Education in 1996; and the Harold H. McGraw Award for Outstanding Educator in 1993. Several honorary doctorate degrees and a feature on the Arts & Entertainment television network's series, "Biography" further exemplify the impact Ms. Darling has had in regards to education and literacy.

The National Humanities Medal, the Federal Government's highest honor recognizing achievement in the humanities, acknowledges individuals or groups whose work broadens citizens' engagement with and expands Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. By providing literary assistance to children and their parents, Ms. Darling's family literacy programs are helping reverse the disturbing trend of illiteracy in families, and improve the academic achievement of children. We all know that reading is critical to overall success in school—if a student cannot read the math problem, he cannot achieve in math—if he cannot read his science book, he cannot understand our changing world. Ms. Darling has striven toward the ideals personified by the National Humanities Medal, and her distinction is much deserved. I commend her on receiving this award, and thank her for the work she has done, and will continue to do.

HONORING MICHAEL P. GALAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael P. Galan for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Galan has devoted many years to service within the community of Sanger.

Mike Galan graduated from Contra Costa Junior College in 1966 and was hired by the University of Wisconsin to work for the National Science Foundation in Antarctica. While in Antarctica he explored the Queen Maude Land area—which had never been explored. A mountain ridge was named "The Galan Ridge" for his involvement in the expedition.

He returned to California, completed a degree at California State University, Sacramento, and, after many promotions with Western Kraft Paper, moved to Sanger as Plant Manager. He has made a tremendous impact on the community through his participation in numerous organizations. He has

been a member of the Rotary for seven years and the Sanger Chamber of Commerce for fifteen years. Mr. Galan is also a member of the Sanger Masonic Lodge and serves as a Trustee and on the Stewardship Committee for the Sanger Methodist Church. Regardless of his enormous community involvement Mike also spends a lot of time with his wife of 32 years, Karen, and their two sons, Justin and Raymond.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Galan for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from Sanger Chamber of Commerce. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Galan for his community service and wishing him many more years of continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, in celebration of its 75th anniversary.

Since 1927, this organization has diligently promoted and participated in our democratic process. The HCRWC has helped hundreds of candidates at the local, state, and federal levels, and supported countless issues of importance to the greater Cincinnati community.

Grassroots organizations like the HCRWC supply campaigns with dedicated volunteers who donate their own time to do the invaluable behind the scenes work necessary to keep the democratic electoral process functioning.

Mr. Speaker, organizations like the Hamilton County Republicans Women's Club are the backbone of the American political process. I wish the club and its members continued success in raising political awareness and increasing political participation in Cincinnati and beyond for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO FAITH HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Faith Heritage High School Boys Basketball team for winning the Class D New York State Basketball Championship. The Faith Heritage Saints not only won the Class D State title, they did so in an impressive fashion, finishing the season with a perfect 27-0 record.

The Saints were led by first year coach Dan Sorber as well as strong leadership from the team's veteran members, which included six graduating seniors. The team had high expectations from the very beginning of the season, never settling for anything less than perfection. Their senior leadership and perseverance allowed them to emerge victoriously in the title game. They finished the season having ful-

filled all of their expectations and successfully completing the perfect season.

On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, it is my honor to congratulate the Faith Heritage Boys High School Basketball team and their coaching staff on their Class D State Basketball Championship. With these remarks, I would like to recognize the following players and staff. Jason Awad, David Booher, Joel Canino, Tim Halladay, Ryan Nellenback, Vivek Thiagarajan, BJ Dwyer, Paul Finch, Andrew Honess, Dan Loucy, Jacob Brunner, Cooper Stroman and Head Coach Dan Sorber.

REMEMBERING ISABELLA ROSE LANCASTER, OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in extremely sad, yet spiritually joyful remembrance of a little girl named Isabella Rose Lancaster, who was born December 20, 2001, and died April 14, 2002, in the arms of her beloved mother.

During the short four months she graced our world with her innocent presence, Isabella touched the hearts of everyone fortunate enough to have seen her, to have held her, and to have loved her. Chief among them was her mother, Caroline Anne-Marie Lancaster, of Mobile, Alabama, whom my prayers, sympathy, and thoughts are with this evening.

Friends and family gathered at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Mobile earlier today to remember Isabella and to comfort Caroline, who cared for her little girl with all a mother's love.

We in Congress mourn the unexpected passing of Isabella, and pause to remember her this evening.

While there are no words from man that could ever provide the solace Caroline needs, we humbly ask the Holy Spirit to shine into her soul, and reassure her broken heart that little Isabella will forever walk beside her, forever sleep next to her, and will forever protect her until Mother and Daughter are reunited in Heaven with our loving Father, the Lord our God, and his Son, Jesus, who this very hour holds Isabella safely in the palm of His hand, and who truly knows Isabella's life has no end.

HONORING DR. PAULA HARTMAN-STEIN

HON. TOM SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein, a leading mental health advocate, is being inducted into the National Academies of Practice on April 13, 2002, after being elected a Distinguished Practitioner by the National Academies of Practice in Psychology. Founded in 1981, the National Academies of Practice is an organization devoted to promoting quality health care for all through interdisciplinary practice, education, and research.

Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein is the founder of the Center for Healthy Aging, a behavioral

health practice in Portage County, Ohio. A clinical psychologist with expertise in both healthy psychology and geropsychology, Dr. Hartman-Stein has taught psychological aspects of healthcare to internal medicine residents at Akron General Medical Center. Currently, she is an Adjunct Instructor at the Kent State University College of Nursing, a Senior Fellow at The Institute for Life Span Development and Gerontology at the University of Akron, and an on-line instructor for the Fielding Institute.

For almost 20 years, Dr. Hartman-Stein has helped individuals and families cope with the stress associated with caregiving and decision-making for older adults. Her work regarding assessment and therapy of older adults has been featured in many professional publications, including her 1998 edited book, *Innovative Behavioral Healthcare for Older Adults: A Guidebook for Changing Times*. For the past three years, she has been a regular columnist on public policy affecting older adults for the newspaper, *The National Psychologist*. She is considered a national expert in issues relating to Medicare and mental health.

Dr. Hartman-Stein received her doctorate from Kent State University and Master's degree from West Virginia University in Clinical Psychology. In addition, she received training through the Geriatric Clinician Development program at Case Western Reserve University.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER ROSE MARIE KUJAWA

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sister Rose Marie Kujawa as she is inaugurated as Madonna University's sixth president. I would also like to thank her for her extraordinary contributions to Madonna. For over twenty years, Sister Rose Marie has served Madonna, and every person with whom she has worked is eternally grateful for all she has accomplished.

On July 1, 2001, Sister Rose Marie became Madonna's sixth president. Sister Rose Marie began her tenure with Madonna in 1975, organizing and teaching the first computer courses to be offered at the university. Later on, as an academic dean, Sister Rose Marie organized Madonna's first graduate program. During her term as academic vice president, the size of the faculty and the percentage of faculty members holding doctorates doubled. Further, the faculty teaching load was brought in line with national standards during Sister Rose Marie's tenure as academic vice president.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear Sister Rose Marie is a woman of great dedication to Madonna University. In addition to her outstanding service to Madonna, Sister Rose Marie is dedicated to improving the lives of others. She has served on the boards of a seminary, social services agencies, nursing homes, retreat centers, a hospice and a hospital. Additionally, she was elected to the leadership team of the Felician Sisters of the Livonia Province.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I submit this tribute to be included in the archives of the history of our country. It is women like Sister Rose

Marie Kujawa who make this nation great. I extend to her my congratulations as Madonna University celebrates her inaugural activities on April 20, 2002.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, during Tax Week in the Congress, I am introducing the District of Columbia Tax Incentives Improvement Act of 2002. The legislation builds on and adds to federal tax incentives I first pressed through Congress in 1997 in order to help produce market-based residential and business stability and growth. I believe the bill has a good chance of passage. This bill is necessary to assure even the sustained stability, let alone real economic growth, that still eludes the District economy and the city government. The bill is essential if the District is to become more economically diverse so that it is not overly dependent on just two sectors—tourism and federal offices. This federal tax package gives the city the tools it needs to begin to produce a self-sufficient economy. After the financial collapse of the 1990s, and after the sunset of the control board last year, Congress has an obligation to help the city do what is necessary to increase its own residential and commercial economic output and independence.

The city does not have that capacity today. Ominously, the District lacks the essential safety valve of other large cities—a state to fall back on in times of economic downturn and distress. The economic forecasters agree that because of congressionally imposed impediments to collecting the natural revenue available to states, including the inability to levy a tax on commuters, no matter how much the District reduces spending, expenditures will continue to grow faster than revenues for the foreseeable future. This trend places the District on a collision course, at worse to insolvency, at best to instability, if the Congress does not assist the District with economic tools to help the city capture its own, natural, steady revenue stream in the marketplace. The surpluses that brightened the city's hopes are trending toward a decline: \$185 million surplus in 1997 to a \$77.6 million in 2001. Because of congressional constraints on the ability of the District to collect revenue, the District faces an annual structural deficit of \$400 million, a figure projected to rise every year. The city's unemployment rate is 6.9% compared with 4.5% in Maryland and 4.1% in Virginia. This picture resembles other large cities in the United States. However, none of these cities survives on city-generated revenues alone, nor could it do so. State assistance is necessary not only to meet current expenses, but also to make up for sharply diminished tax bases in every other major American city.

Fortunately, the federal tax credit incentive approach already approved by Congress is having extraordinary success in promoting economic growth here. My bill will improve upon D.C.-only tax credits that leverage the private sector rather than the government to

do the job of growing the economy and will return many times the small tax revenue foregone by the federal government.

The District of Columbia Tax Incentives Improvement Act of 2002 that I introduce today has six important components: first and most important, treatment of the entire District of Columbia as an enterprise zone, to spread to all neighborhoods and businesses tax incentives that have brought substantial benefits to many communities but with the unintended effect of affording an unfair and arbitrary advantage to some businesses and neighborhoods over their competitors; (2) assuring that the tax benefits do not expire before their job is done by extending these D.C.-only federal enterprise zone benefits, to match other jurisdictions with similar benefits; (3) improvements to capital gains provisions, including zero capital gains taxation for businesses holding intangibles; (4) making the \$5000 homebuyer credit permanent, to ensure continuation of the tax incentive that is largely responsible for new homebuyers and for maintaining and attracting taxpayers to the city, and that is critical to helping the District achieve the 100,000 new residents necessary to sustain its stability; (5) releasing tax exempt bonds from the private activity bond limit in order to lift the constraints of a valuable tool for attracting businesses to build here; and (6) enacting triple tax exemption for D.C. securities, to put the District on par with the territories who do not pay taxes on their securities.

1. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY-WIDE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Several extraordinarily valuable enterprise zone tax benefits constitute the major financial tools that have been used for business revival and new commercial and office construction in the city. Among the most successful have been the wage tax credit allowing an employer a 20% credit for the first \$15,000 (\$3000) of an employee's income if that employee is a D.C. resident. This credit not only helps attract and retain businesses, it also helps to correct the severe imbalance that allows two-thirds of the jobs in the city to go to commuters. Another tax benefit, the elimination of capital gains altogether, is expanding and creating businesses in many city neighborhoods and downtown. A third tax incentive, tax exemption for up to \$15 million in bonds, is fueling much of the city's construction boom, and construction alone accounts for the major portion of the increased economic output of the District today.

However, because the District is small and compact, multiple enterprise zones have had unintended, discriminatory effects. High income university students with little personal income have brought Georgetown and Foggy Bottom businesses within the zone, but some businesses in struggling areas of Ward 5 do not qualify. The Willard Hotel can get \$3,000 off the first \$15,000 it pays any employee, but competitors such as the Hay Adams and the Washington Hilton, cannot. The Hay Adams, one of D.C.'s oldest and most distinguished hotels recently completed renovation of its facilities and helped return tourists to D.C. without the benefit of the \$15 million tax exempt bonds because it is not in the zone. These new provisions would eliminate an unearned advantage that forces competition among our already depleted pool of businesses instead of between those in and outside of the District.

The solution is to designate the District of Columbia itself an enterprise zone. Only this